LISTING OF CLAIMS

This Listing of Claims replaces all prior versions, and listings of the claims in the application:

1-26. (Cancelled)

27. (Currently Amended) An implant for attachment to a hyoid bone, comprising:

an implant body;

a first attachment zone configured for attachment to a first portion of a hyoid bone;

a second attachment zone configured for attachment to a second portion of a hyoid bone;

a connection between the first and second attachment zones which allows movement of the first and second attachment zones with respect to each other; and

a lock carried by the body, for inhibiting the movement ~~fixing the relationship~~ between the first and second attachment zones.

28. (Original) An implant for attachment to a hyoid bone as in claim 27, wherein the connection comprises a flexible portion of the body.

29. (Original) An implant for attachment to a hyoid bone as in claim 27, wherein the connection comprises a hinge.

30. (Original) An implant for attachment to a hyoid bone as in claim 27, wherein the connection a flexible element carried by the body.

31. (Original) An implant for attachment to a hyoid bone as in claim 27, wherein the lock comprises a threaded shaft.

32. (Original) An implant for attachment to a hyoid bone as in claim 27, wherein the lock comprises an interference fit.

33-45. (Cancelled)

46. (Original) An implant for positioning in a pharyngeal structure, comprising:

an implant body;

a first tissue contact zone configured for contacting a first portion of a pharyngeal structure;

a second tissue contact zone configured for contacting a second portion of a pharyngeal structure; a connection between the first and second contact zones which allows movement of the first and second contact zones with respect to each other; and

a lock carried by the body, for fixing the relationship between the first and second contact zones.

47. (Original) An implant for positioning in a pharyngeal structure as in claim 46, wherein at least one portion of the pharyngeal structure comprises a suprahyoid muscle.

48. (Original) An implant for positioning in a pharyngeal structure as in claim 46, wherein at least one portion of the pharyngeal structure comprises a hyoid bone.

49. (Original) An implant for positioning in a pharyngeal structure as in claim 46, wherein at least one portion of the pharyngeal structure comprises an infrahyoid muscle.

50. (New) An implant for attachment to a hyoid bone, comprising:

an implant body comprising:

a first attachment zone configured for attachment to a first portion of a hyoid bone;

a second attachment zone configured for attachment to a second portion of a hyoid bone, the second attachment zone being coupled to the first attachment zone at a flex point to provide a pivotable relationship therebetween; and

a locking member attached to the first attachment zone and the second attachment zone for fixing the pivotable relationship between the first attachment zone and second attachment zone.

51. (New) The implant of claim 50 wherein the flex point comprises a pivot joint.

52. (New) The implant of claim 51 wherein the pivot joint comprises a ball and socket joint.

53. (New) The implant of claim 51 wherein the pivot joint comprises one or more wires.

54. (New) The implant of claim 53 wherein the wires resist axial loading.

55. (New) The implant of claim 54 wherein the wires are capable of limited flexion.

56. (New) The implant of claim 51 wherein the pivot joint comprises one or more ribbons.

57. (New) The implant of claim 50 wherein the flex point comprises a clevis pin.

58. (New) The implant of claim 50 wherein the flex point comprises a hinge joint.

59. (New) The implant of claim 50 wherein the locking member comprises an elongated member having two interfaceable ends, at least one of the ends comprising a threaded end.

60. (New) The implant of claim 50 wherein the locking member comprises a threaded shaft.

61. (New) The implant of claim 50 wherein the locking member comprises an interference fit.